

November 7, 2005

Mr. Robert Barwin, Section Leader Department of Ecology, Water Resources Program Central Region Office 15 W. Yakima Avenue, Suite 200 Yakima, WA 98902-3452

SUBJECT: PROGRESSIVE FLATS WATER ASSOCIATION - DROUGHT

SUPPORT

CITY OF OKANOGAN, OKANOGAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

G&O 05043.00

Dear Mr. Barwin:

On behalf of our client, Progressive Flats Water Association (PFWA), we are providing the supporting information that they have been significantly impacted by the drought conditions that has impact our state the past few years. PFWA has made an official request for funding from the Governor's Emergency Drought Funds and it is our understanding that the association qualifies for the funds, but that the program requires documented proof of the drought impacts.

As you may be aware, PFWA gets its domestic water from a shallow 65 foot deep cased well that has sanded in to 43 feet. From the well's operation since 1960 it has been determined that the low or critical level is at 28 feet from top of well. In June of 2004, the association sent out a "Drinking Water Warning" that identified to the constituents of the association that water levels in the well had dropped and the well could not keep up with water use demands. The warning further stipulated that the pump would only be operated daily between 5:00 am to 9:00 am and again from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

On July 3, 2004 the association sent out its annual Consumer Confidence Report which identified that some leakage in the distribution system had been repaired, but that there was still a concern about the limitation of well production. During the month of September 2004 water levels in the well ranged between 23 and 34 feet with the average being closer to 26 to 28 feet below the top of the well. Again, in October 2004 the well was observed to have significant fluctuations in water level, ranging from 25 feet to 38 feet from the top of well. Although another leak was found in the system, repairs of that leak did not have a substantial impact on reducing the drop in water levels in the well.

Through the remainder of 2004 and through fleeting months of 2005, the continued but restricted system use has resulted in significant fluctuations in the well water levels. We believe these fluctuations show direct correlation between the drought conditions in the Okanogan Valley and the inability of the aquifer to stabilize and keep up with system demands.





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The purpose of soliciting the funds is to develop a new source of water. At this point, which is early in the study phase it would appear that the new source of water would be a connection to the City of Okanogan domestic water system. In this possible scenario, PFWA would transfer its water right and point of diversion to the City of Okanogan in exchange for the connection. This connection would provide the association with a very reliable flow in volume, pressure, and quality. All service connections would be metered and monitored, although at this point in time it has not been determined if the PFWA would be a whole sale customer and continue operation and maintenance of the association's system or if it would contract with the city of Okanogan to operate and maintain the system.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this letter or enclosed information, please feel free to contact the undersigned or Mr. Bob Blank at (509) 422-5170.

Very truly yours,

GRAY & OSBORNE, INC.

Maurice E. Block, P.E.

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Encl.

cc:

Mr. Bob Blank, PFWA Secretary

Mr. Tom Justus, Department of Health

Mr. Joe Mitschelen, Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Mr. Ray Clements, PWS City of Okanogan

DRINKING WATER WARNING

The Progressive Flat Water Users Water System, ID# 69650U, located in Okanogan County may be contaminated because of water outages and loss of pressure in the water system.

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil 3 – 5 minutes, and let it cool before using. Boiled or purchased bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until *further notice*. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

When a loss of pressure occurs, it is possible that contamination from the environment or from human or animal waste may be drawn into the water system. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. These symptoms are not only caused by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.

What happened?

- Water levels in the well dropped and we are not able to keep up with the demand needed to operate under normal conditions.
- Until further notice, the well pump will be operating only during the following hours daily: 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- We are asking for your cooperation in conserving water until the situation is resolved.

The following is being done:

- Evergreen Rural Water of Washington is assisting us to detect leaks in the system. A number of leaks have been found and are being repaired.
- We will continue to monitor the fluctuating water levels in the well to determine the extent of the problem.
- We will be making a decision based on our findings for corrective action.

What should consumers do?

• Boil your tap water intended for human consumptive purposes (i.e. drinking, cooking, food preparation, ice making, oral hygiene) at a rolling boil for 3 to 5 minutes.

· Conserve water until the situation is resolved

For more information, please con-	tact / Journal of Sellinat (3	751 422 1568 or at
7 Manayhaar	tact () (owner or operator) (address).	(phone number)

Please share this notice with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distribution copies by hand or mail.

This notice is sent to you by PROGRASSIVE SINT Water System on 6 1241 04

TO THE PROGRESSIVE FLAT WATER ASSOCIATION

Each year before July 1, we are required to make a CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT. As you all know this past year wasn't pretty.

We had the following problems:

(1) Replaced leaky pressure tank, June 2003. Installed new roof on pump house.

(2) Coliform outbreak due to drilling a well in September 2003. This resulted in chlorination of the water system. Starting the first of the year, 2004; we have had no coliforms from the well. June 8-10, we flushed lines as a step of getting off chlorination. This was 99 to 99.5% effective. June 20-2004, Tom Justus of the Department of Health- eastern office told me to go off chlorine. June 28, we were going to take a chlorine free sample. If this tested good we would go off chlorination.

(3) June 22, pumped well dry due to excessive water usage. We found leaks of around fifty-seven gallons a minute over and above normal usage. For two to three days, we had intermittent water available as we trouble shot the water system. June 24, due to the intermittent service; we, as a precaution, were required to start the chlorinator. Presently, we are pumping eighteen gallons a minute and holding system pressure of 80 p.s.i.. Well height is twenty four to twenty six feet from top of well. After all the repairs are done and we keep the system pressurized; we can try again to get off chlorination. AGAIN, I must ask for all to conserve water. I can tell you if we drop to fifteen gallons a minute; I won't be able to hold system pressure. WE WILL BE ON CHLORINATION if this occurs.

ON a positive note, your board and operator are working hard to solve our problems.

Wayne Dezellem

Water operator



STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1500 West 4th Avenue, Suite 305 • Spokane, Washington 99204 FAX: (509) 456-2997

September 10, 2004

WAYNE DEZELLEM PROGRESSIVE FLAT WATER ASSN 7 CHERRY LANE RD OKANOGAN WA 98840

Subject: Progressive Flat Water Assn Water System, ID# 69650U, Okanogan County, Precautionary Boil Water Advisory Issued - September 2004

Dear Wayne Dezellem,

Your water system has the potential to create a cross connection control problems due to low production at your well (S01). This is a high public health risk and it is very important to address immediately.

As a result of this situation, you are required to do the following:

- Notify users within 24 hours to **boil water**. Please use the enclosed sample "Drinking Water Warning" as a model for your notification form and content. The Department of Health (DOH) must approve any changes or modifications to the content of this form before it is distributed.
- Consult with DOH regarding your plans to distribute the Drinking Water Warning notice. DOH will also explain what additional water samples are required to be collected.
- Send DOH a copy of your Drinking Water Warning notice and a copy of the completed certification form within ten days after the notice is distributed.
- Consult with DOH prior to lifting the Drinking Water Warning.
- Turn on your chlorinator immediately and maintain a chlorine residual of at least 0.5ppm in the distribution system at all times.

Please contact me if you need clarification or additional information.

Sincerely,

Mark Steward

Environmental Specialist

(509) 456-2731

mark.steward@doh.wa.gov

Enclosures

CC:

Okanogan County Health District Tom Justus, Regional Engineer Pat McCaffery, Coliform Program Scott Torpie, Assistant Regional Manager Andy Cervantes, Regional Engineer



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November 4, 2005



Robert Barwin
Department of Ecology
15 West Yakima Ave., Suite 200
Yakima WA 98902-3452

Dear Mr. Barwin:

Subject: Progressive Flats Water Association; Change Application No. CG4-GWC3838-A@1

This letter requests the Department of Ecology's assistance and expedited action in the processing of an emergency water right change application for the Progressive Flats Water Association. The Association serves 48 households at this time in a rural area close to the City of Okanogan in Okanogan County. The source of supply for Progressive Flats is presently suffering from severe quantity issues and high Uranium content.

As a condition for the Drought Assistance Grant from DOE, Progressive Flats must transfer their water rights to the City of Okanogan in order to use Okanogan as their new source. USDA-Rural Development and the Department of Ecology are supplying grant funds to help with this issue of a failed water supply in Progressive Flats. The proposed change application will transfer the existing groundwater rights to Well #3 for the City of Okanogan.

The loss of capacity in the source of supply for the Progressive Flats water system is a critical public health issue and severely impacts their ability to provide a safe and reliable supply of drinking water to their customers. Connection of the Progressive Flats Water Association to the city of Okanogan will resolve these issues.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (509) 456-3183.

Sincerely,

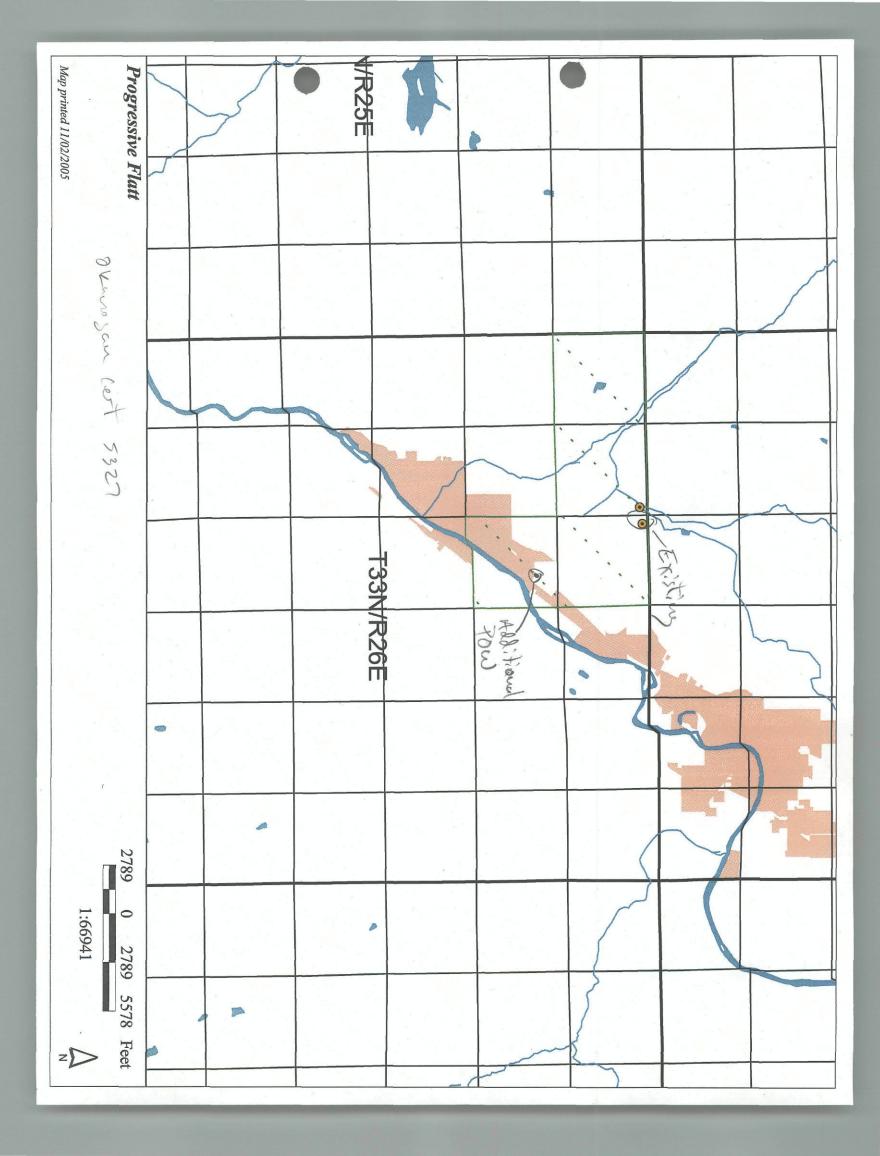
Scott Torpie, PE

Eastern Regional Manager Office of Drinking Water

Division of Environmental Health

cc: John Sherlock, Progressive Flats Water Assoc.

Joe Mitschelen, RCAC





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October 1, 2004

Wayne Dezellem Progressive Flat Water Association 7 Cherry Lane Road Okanogan WA 98840

SUBJECT: PROGRESSIVE FLAT WATER ASSN Okanogan County, PWS ID# 69650

Dear Mr. Dezellem:

The Washington State Department of Health, Eastern Drinking Water Operations, received a complaint regarding the Progressive Flat Water Association on October 1, 2004, concerning the lack of water. The current schedule of water sharing leaves the same residents without water from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day, which does not allow the customer to provide for the health care needs of the family. Since the irrigation is turned off, there is no water for flushing the toilets for 12 hours. This complaint has been logged into your water system's file with our office.

We are referring this information to you so you may investigate and respond to the customer's concerns through this office, as they wish to remain confidential. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this complaint, please call me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Tom Justus

Eastern Drinking Water Operations

(509) 456-2453

cc: Okanogan County Health District

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Anderson, Sandra K. (ECY)

From:

Sent:

Anderson, Sandra K. (ECY) Tuesday, November 01, 2005 2:25 PM

To:

Mortensen, Carol S.

Subject:

Progressive Flat Water Users Assn

App# 5702 Permit# 5371 Cert# 3838-A

The app referenced Permit No. 5371, but it is a certificate 3838-A. I will assign No. **CG4-GWC3838-A@1** to the app received 10-31-2005. There was a change app of 1991 (CG4-GWC3838-A), the Change ROE issued 03-18-1994 to add POW.

Sandy Anderson Water Resources Program - CRO Yakima (509)454-4172 sand461@ecy.wa.gov

Mortensen, Carol S.

From: Justus, Tom (DOH)

Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2005 10:22 AM

To: Mortensen, Carol S.

Subject: Progressive Flats Water right Transfer Application (Okanogan County)

Carol:

One of the drought projects we are working on this year is to provide water from the city of Okanogan to the Progressive Flats water association. It is my understanding that the water right transfer application that is needed to make this funding possible was mailed to DOE on October 31st. It is also my understanding that Bob Barwin has indicated he will need a health and safety letter from DOH in order to process this change application in a timely way. We have the health and safety letter prepared but will need the Change Application number that will be assigned before sending it according to our MOU. We therefore would appreciate receiving this number as soon as it has been assigned. Time is getting critical with winter just around the corner for construction in the Okanogan. Thanks Carol.

Tom Justus P.E.
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